

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-20 are pending in this Application. In the Office Action mailed on the date of November 33, 2005, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Zyryanov, et al., an Internet Publication published on the Web on February 13, 2003 ("Sensing and Fixation of NO₂/N₂O₄ by Calix[4]Arenes," JACS 2003:125:2997-3007).

Applicant respectfully submits with this Amendment a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 that shows that Applicant conceived of the invention set forth in Claims 1-20 prior to February 13, 2003, said Declaration including documented evidence of such conception and due diligence from prior to said date up to the filing of the instant Application. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Zyryanov reference with respect to the claims currently pending in this application is respectfully requested. The evidence set forth in the Declaration indicates not only that Applicant conceived the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application in the United States prior to February 13, 2003, including, for example, compositions as set forth in Claim 16, 19, and 20; a method of purifying compounds as set forth in Claim 15; and devices as set forth in Claims 1 and 11; but that Applicant reduced the invention to practice prior to February 13, 2003, which is essentially set forth in Exhibit A to the Declaration. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Zyryanov reference is respectfully requested. With this withdrawal, Applicant believes all claims to be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests entry and allowance of Claims 1-20

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Conclusion

In light of the remarks and arguments presented with this Amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims provided in the Listing of Claims beginning on page three of this paper are in condition for allowance. No new matter is introduced with this Amendment. Accordingly, favorable consideration for and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no additional fees are due with this response. If this is incorrect, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the additional fees, other than the issue fee, that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 07-0153.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, or if further clarification is required, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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